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Mr. Joseph E. Kelley
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Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The Director has asked me to respond to your letter of 7 April 1988 which described the General Accounting Office's investigation of allegations made concerning illegal transfers of fuel from the US military aid program for El Salvador to the Contra supply operation.

The focus of the investigation, as described in your letter, is on the aid program administered by the Department of Defense. Under the circumstances, I do not believe that it would be appropriate for officers of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to discuss the actions of other United States Government entities with regard to this investigation. Furthermore, all Agency activities in Central America, as well as information we receive concerning other US Government activities in the region, are subject to close and continuing scrutiny by the House and Senate Intelligence Committees.

I am sorry that we cannot be more helpful in this case.

Sincerely, _____

John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

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